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SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP FISHERY UPDATE

Sitka . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information to assist harvesters and processors involved in the Southeast Alaska pot shrimp fishery. This notification is for information only and is expected to change as the fishing fleet moves from previously closed districts. Specific closure announcements will generally occur for each district two or three days prior to the closure. Catch estimates are as of October 25, 2012. The next shrimp pot update will occur on **Thursday, November 1, 2012.**

District 1: Estimated harvest: 60,000 pounds. **District 1 closed October 21.**

District 2: Estimated harvest: 75,000 pounds. District 2 closed October 15.

Section 3-A: Estimated harvest: 100,000 pounds. Section 3-A closed October 16.

Section 3-B/C: Estimated harvest: 24,000 pounds, 6,000 pounds remaining. **Section 3-B/C will close at 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 29.**

District 4: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close on February 28, 2013.

District 5: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close on February 28, 2013.

District 6: Reported harvest: 34,750 pounds. District 6 closed October 11.

District 7: Reported harvest: 81,500 pounds. District 7 closed October 17.

District 8: Reported harvest: 11,600 pounds. **District 8 closed October 21.**

District 9: Reported harvest: 16,200 pounds. District 9 closed October 11.

District 10: Reported harvest: 40,300 pounds. District 10 closed October 9.

District 11-Seymour Canal: Reported harvest: 21, 850 pounds. Seymour Canal closed October 8.

District 11-Remainder of District: Estimated harvest: 6,300 pounds, 1,200 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season could close between October 30 and November 5.

District 12-Tenakee: Closed.

District 12-Remainder of District: Closed.

Section 13-A/B: Estimated harvest: 5,000 pounds, 10,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated that the season could close between December 1 and December 15.

Section 13-C: Reported harvest: 28,600 pounds. Section 13-C closed October 4.

District 14: Estimated harvest: 3,800 pounds, 6,200 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season could close between November 15 and November 30.

District 15: Estimated harvest 1,700 pounds, 13,300 pounds remaining. The GHL is 15,000 pounds.

District 16: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 15,000 pounds. It is estimated the season could close between November 15 and December 15.

Number of boats, week 43 (Oct 21-27). Data compiled October 29.								
District	3B/C	4	5	11RoD	14	13A/B	15	16
Boats	10	*	*	*	*	3	4	*
*Confidential								
Closed: Districts 1, 2, 3-A, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11S, 12, 13-C								

All commercial shrimp fishermen are required to notify the department within two business days of deploying gear and within two business days after ceasing fishing in a district, or portion of a district, with a GHL. Catcher/Processor and Catcher/Seller vessels must call the Fish and Game area office that manages the district they are fishing and report catch information between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. once per week by 12:00 noon each Wednesday, every week they conduct fishing operations.

If warranted, the department may re-open a district 14 days after a closure, with a four-day notice. The estimate for when a district is to close may be highly variable. The redistribution of effort as the season progresses may greatly influence the daily harvest rates in districts.

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